UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION 3:09cr126

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	PRELIMINARY ORDER
MANUEL GREGORY RUSHING,)	OF FORFEITURE
Defendant.)	

In the Bill of Indictment in this case, the United States sought forfeiture of property of the Defendant as property that was used or intended to be used to facilitate the crimes charged, which would be subject to forfeiture under 18 U.S.C. § 1594(b) and 21 U.S.C. § 853.

Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count One in the Bill of Indictment; and was adjudged guilty of the offense charged in that count. By his plea, Defendant has admitted possession of the subject firearm and ammunition and the elements of forfeiture.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. Based upon Defendant's plea of guilty, the United States is authorized to seize the following property belonging to Defendant, and it is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition according to law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n):

One Smith and Wesson .357 revolver, serial number ACF8243 and ammunition.

2. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the government shall publish notice of this order; notice of its intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct; and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the above-listed forfeited property must file a petition with the Court within thirty days of the final

publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier. This notice shall state that

the petition shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the

property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and

extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in each of the forfeited properties and any additional

facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought. The United States may also, to the extent

practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in property

that is the subject of this Order of Forfeiture, as a substitute for published notice as to those persons

so notified.

3. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of

Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

Signed: February 10, 2010

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

Chief United States District Judge